Stage-I site clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests are yet to be made available.

(c) No new power project is presently proposed to be set up by NTPC in Tamil Nadu in the 10th Plan. To meet power demand of Tamil Nadu, NTPC has made following power supplies to the State from its Eastern Region power Stations over the last 2-3 years:

1999-2000	—	783.0 Million Unites
2000-2001	—	642.2 Million Unites
2001-2002 (till October, 2001)	—	479.5 Million Units

Further, Tamil Nadu would get a share from proposed power projects of NTPC namely, Talcher STPP, Stage-II (2000 MW) and Ramagundam STPP, Stage-III (500 MW) envisaged to be commissioned in the 10th Plan.

Ignoring the official language rules by CEA officials

†3128. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of the rank of Superintending Engineer and Chief Engineer in the Office of Central Electricity Authority does their official work in Hindi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons for ignoring the Official language Rules; and

(d) whether there is any scheme other than those of Official Language Schemes to get the work done in Hindi by the officers found guilty of violating the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Officers of the rank of Superintending Engineer and Chief Engineer who possess proficiency in Hindi does their official work in Hindi.

Offices of CEA Notified to do their work in Hindi

†3129. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are some offices of Central Electricity Authority which are notified in the Gazette under Rule 10(4) of Official language Rules and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

name of the offices out of these which are specified to do their work in Hindi under Rule 8(4);

(b) the details of the work being done in Hindi in the offices specified; and

(c) by when the offices notified but not specified to do their whole work in Hindi would be specified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) Headquarters of Central Electricity Authority and its Five Offices in the Region 'A' and 'B' and two offices in the region 'C' are notified in Gazette under Official Language Rule 10 (4). All the five offices in the region 'A' and 'B' have been specified under Official Language rules 8(4).

(b) All types of work relating to administration are done mostly in Hindi.

(c) Process is on to specify two offices located in the 'C' Region under the Rule 8(4).

Techno-Economic clearance for Super Thermal Power Station in Bihar

3130. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has announced techno-economic clearance for 1980 MW super thermal power station to be executed by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Power Ministry have decided to undertake distribution reforms in all the 400 power districts at an investment of upto Rs. 50,000 crore for which approval has been sought;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the amount will be required to introduce the reforms for power projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) yes, Sir, The Central Electricity Authority has accorded techno-economic clearnace on 28-9-2001 for Barh Super Thermal Power Project of 1980 megawatt capacity in Bihar to be executed by National Thermal Power Corporation.

(b) to (d) : The Government of India have launched the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) for bringing improvement in the power